

C L A I M S

What is claimed is:

1. A protective, creative play space device, comprising;

a) a framework comprising a post and a plurality of ribs, each rib being connected at one end thereof to the post,

b) framing means for maintaining the ribs at an angle to the post,

c) a cover of protective material, disposed about the framework, and attached to at least one of said ribs, at least one portion of the cover extending beyond the other end of the ribs, forming a trailing portion which falls toward the ground, creating a protective creative play space with a partial wall.

2. A protective, creative play space device, as in Claim 1, wherein the ribs are pivotably connected to the post.

3. A protective, creative play space device, as in Claim 1, wherein said cover comprises a representation of the body of an animal, and the attachment of the cover to the rib

defines panels of the cover which lie between the ribs, and define portions of the animal.

4. A protective, creative play space device as in Claim 1, wherein the trailing portion further comprises netting, which together with the portions of the animal, creates a complete canopy.

5. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 4, having at least 4 ribs, defining at least a head panel of the animal.

6. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 5, wherein a panel comprises a tail panel.

7. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 6, wherein at least one panel comprises a leg portion.

8. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 7, wherein the panels comprise a head panel, a tail panel and at least two leg panels.

9. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 3, wherein at least one panel comprises a wing panel.

10. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 3, wherein at least one panel comprises a body shell.

11. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 5, having 6 ribs, wherein the panels define at least a head portion of the animal.

12. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 11, wherein a panel comprises a tail portion.

13. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 12, wherein at least one panel comprises a leg portion.

14. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 13, wherein the panels comprise a head panel, a tail panel and four leg panels.

15. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 5, having at least 8 ribs, wherein the panels define at least a head portion of the animal.

16. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 15, wherein a panel comprises a tail portion.

17. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 16, wherein at least one panel comprises a leg portion.

18. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 17, wherein the panels comprise a head panel, a tail panel, and four leg panels.

19. The protective, creative play space device of Claim 18, further comprising two torso panels,

20. A protective, creative play space device for children as in Claim 3, further comprising at least one shaping rib, shaping a body portion of the animal.

21. A protective, creative play space device for children as in Claim 3, further comprising additional framing means for shaping a section of the body of the animal.